

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 5 and 6.

Please amend claims 1-4 and 7-11 as shown below.

1. (Currently Amended) A case for rack mounted equipment ~~case~~ comprising a body tube having two ends, a connector panel secured to the body tube at a first end, and a removable lid at at least ~~one the first end~~ for access to the rack mounted equipment within, wherein a surface of the connector panel is recessed relative to an outer profile of the case.

2. (Currently Amended) A case for rack mounted equipment ~~case~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein a portion of the removable lid has ~~having a reduced height, removable lid on the first end, wherein at least a portion of the lid has a height less than that of the tallest height of the case,~~ and the connector panel surface is recessed relative to the ~~reduced height lid~~ portion of the removable lid having a height less than that of the tallest height of the case.

3. (Currently Amended) A case for rack mounted equipment ~~case~~ as claimed in claim 2, wherein the connector panel surface is positioned above or below the portion of the removable lid having a height less than that of the tallest height of the ~~case reduced height lid.~~

4. (Currently Amended) A case for rack mounted equipment ~~case~~ as claimed in claim 2 or 3, having a ~~full height,~~ removable lid on the other end, the removable lid on the other end extending a full height of the tallest height of the case.

5-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A case for rack mounted equipment ~~case~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connector panel is ~~secured inboard of~~ recessed inwardly relative to an outer profile of the case and closes the first end.

8. (Currently Amended) A case for rack mounted equipment ~~case~~ having a removable lid on an end, and a connector panel on the same end that is recessed relative to the removable lid.

9. (Currently Amended) A case for rack mounted equipment ~~case~~ as claimed in claim 8, wherein the ~~or each~~ connector panel surface is permanently secured to the case.

10. (Currently Amended) A case for rack mounted equipment ~~case of~~ as claimed in claim 1, including a plurality of feet located on a bottom surface of the case, and a plurality of feet locators positioned on a top surface of the case, each foot being shaped to nest within a respective foot locator of a like case, the feet and feet locators being arranged in a substantially identical pattern to facilitate stable stacking of one equipment case on another.

11. The case for rack mounted equipment ~~case of~~ as claimed in claim 1, including a plurality of latches for removably connecting ~~each~~ the removable lid to the case.